

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0003] Examiner Iturralde graciously talked with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on December 23, 2008. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner’s willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to each of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0004] During the interview, I discussed how the claims differed from the cited reference, namely Rudolph. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, I also proposed possible clarifying amendments.

[0005] The Examiner was receptive to the proposals, specifically the clarification regarding the first and second node groupings. However, the Examiner indicated that he would need to review the cited reference more carefully and do another search, and requested that the proposed amendments be presented in writing.

[0006] Applicant herein amends the claims in the manner discussed during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.